

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. NAKAMURA et al

Application No.: 09/613,541

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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN IMPROVED
CONNECTION ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A
SEMICONDUCTOR PELLET AND BASE SUBSTRATE
ELECTRODES AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE
THEREOF

Art Unit: 2815

Exr.: A. WILLIAMS

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 1, 2009

Sir:

In supplement to the Amendment filed on August 21, 2009, applicants are submitting herewith, in Appendix A, a Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration executed by the Inventors (as discussed in the August 21, 2009 Amendment). Applicants are also submitting herewith sworn translations of the Japanese Priority Document 1994-316444, filed on December 20, 1994 and Japanese Priority Document 1995-126405, filed May 25, 1995, to complete the applicants claim for the benefit of 35 USC §119 priority to these priority documents.

In light of the filing of the new Reissue Application Declaration, which clearly specifies at least one error with regard to the original patent claims 1 and 11, as well as further errors with regard to original patent claims 14 and 22, reconsideration and removal of the 35 USC §251 rejection of the claims in the present application is respectfully requested.

Further, in light of the submission of the sworn translations of the two priority documents, reconsideration and removal of the prior art rejections set forth in the Office Action is also respectfully requested. Specifically, as noted in the Remarks of the August 21, 2009 Amendment, the present application is entitled to the benefit of the Japanese priority document JP1994-316444, and Japanese priority document 1995-126405, both of which were filed before the earliest effective filing date of the Akram patent (USP 5,674,785). Therefore, the filing of these sworn translations serves to render the Akram unavailable as a reference in the present application. Therefore, removal of the 35 USC §103 rejections, which require the Akram


reference, is earnestly solicited.

In addition to the filing of the above-noted attachments, applicants are filing, on even date herewith, a Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes herewith, as required by 37 CFR §1.173(c).

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 1374.34189R00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachments: Appendix A – Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration; Sworn
Translations of two (2) Japanese Priority Documents;

Appendix